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SUBJECT: US-USSR WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT (06)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE METALNIKOV THAT MARTINEAU WILL BE CALLING HIM LATE AFTERNOON (MOSCOW TIME) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, CONCERNING STATUS OF POLYMODE LIAISON SCIENTIST EXCHANGE AND FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PLAN THE THIRD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. BEGIN FYI: AS EMBASSY AWARE, QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF LIAISON SCIENTISTS HAS LONG REMAINED POINT OF DISAGREEMENT IN US-USSR POLYMODE RELATIONS. US POLYMODE SCIENTISTS HAVE CONSIDERED ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON EXCHANGE AND TELETYPE LINK BETWEEN THE TWO POLYMODE HEADQUARTERS AS VITAL TO THE EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF JOINT POLYMODE OPERA-  
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TIONS. AFTER WELL OVER A YEAR OF NEGOTIATION, INCLUDING APPEALS TO IDORENKO FROM WHITE, ISSUES APPEARED TO BE RESOLVED.

3. IN DECEMBER A TELEX LINK (NOT THE FULL TIME TELETYPE LINK DESIRED BY THE US) WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SOVIET POLYMODE OFFICE AT SHIRSHOV INSTITUTE AND US POLYMODE OFFICE

AT MIT OFFERING TO BOTH SIDES THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING  
OUT RELATIVELY SPEEDY OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS. MOREOVER,

DURING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARTINEAU'S VISIT TO THE USSR,  
SIDORENKO ASSURED MARTINEAU THAT THE LIAISON SCIENTIST  
EXCHANGE WOULD FINALLY BE RESOLVED AND THAT THE FIRST  
EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY/  
EARLY MARCH.

4. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET POLYMODE DELEGATION, WHEN IN THE  
US IN JANUARY FOR A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, ANNOUNCED  
THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LIAISON SCIENTIST EXCHANGE UNTIL  
PROGRAM ACTUALLY UNDERWAY (LATE SUMMER OR FALL) AFTER ALL.  
ALSO, SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT RESPONDED  
AT ALL TO US TELEX MESSAGES NOR HAVE THEY INITIATED ANY  
MESSAGES OF THEIR OWN. EFFORTS TO CLARIFY SITUATION VIA  
PREVIOUS CALLS TO METALNIKOV HAVE PROVED FRUITLESS;  
MARTINEAU WILL TRY AGAIN DURING FRIDAY'S CONVERSATION.

5. DEPARTMENT AND NOAA UNCERTAIN AS TO REASONS WHY SOVIET  
DECISIONS ARE NOT STICKING. THEIR BUREAUCRACY APPEARS TO  
BE SPLIT ON ISSUE ESPECIALLY ON MATTER OF LIAISON SCIENTIST  
EXCHANGE BUT SEEMING INABILITY TO RESOLVE MATTER AFTER  
SIDORENKO REVIEW IS PUZZLING. PENDING RESULTS OF MARTINEAU  
CALL, WE WOULD NOT ASK EMBASSY TO DISCUSS FOREGOING ISSUES  
WITH SOVIETS, ALTHOUGH ANY INSIGHT YOU MAY HAVE ON THE  
BASIS OF EXPERIENCE TO DATE WOULD BE WELCOME. END FYI  
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